

Turkey Run Nature Center Activities

Saturday, March 1

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Help us put out food for the birds and other animals that gather outside the Nature Center each morning, and then relax in the observation room to watch them eat and interact.

10:30am Milk Carton Birdfeeders – Make a simple feeder your birds at home will love! 20 minutes. Nature Center

2pm Planetarium Star Show - Discover tonight's constellations and planets, hear ancient legends and more during a 40-minute program. Doors close & lock at 2. *Reservations recommended on Saturdays.* Nature Center.

***3pm Signs Of Spring Hike** - After much waiting, spring is almost here. Take a 1-hour moderate hike with a naturalist to discover what's blooming, singing and stinking! Meet on the Nature Center porch.

Sunday, March 2

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Live Snakes! – Stop by the Nature Center to touch some local native slitherers and hear their stories.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. Doors close at 2pm. Nature Center.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, March 3 & 6-7

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 4-5

Nature Center Closed

Saturday, March 8

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family.

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***3pm This Hike Is For The Birds** – Meet at the Nature Center to go looking for birds. Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them, or borrow ours. 1-hour easy hike.

NOTE: THE TIME CHANGED LAST NIGHT!

Sunday, March 9

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***11:00am Tree ID Hike**—Discover how easy it is to identify common trees during a 1-hr easy hike. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. Doors close at 2pm. Nature Center.

Monday, March 10

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Fossil Hike** - Go on a fossil hunt with a naturalist to learn how to identify the rocks and fossils found in the park. 1-hour moderate hike. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. Doors close at 2pm. Nature Center.

Tuesday, March 11

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Petroglyph Face Painting - Discover caveman art and the stories it tells, and then have your favorite 'glyph painted on your face. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. Doors close at 2pm. Nature Center.

Wednesday, March 12

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Feel A Fur – Let your fingers find the differences among wild animals from a variety of habitats. Feel fox, beaver, coyote, mink and more! Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. Doors close at 2pm. Nature Center.

Thursday, March 13

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30am Build A Bird Feeder- Make a feeder out of stuff you can find around the house. 20 min. Nature Center.

Park Patch Program

Earn FREE patches at the Nature Center!

**SMOKEY'S FRIEND JUNIOR NATURALIST
HOOSIER ECOLOGIST**

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Friday, March 14

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Saturday, March 15

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Let's Go Birding** – Join a naturalist for a 1-hour easy hike to see and hear woodpeckers, wrens, cardinals and much more. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on Saturday.* Nature Center.

***3pm Whose Track Is That?** – Calling all kids: learn how to “read” animal tracks and make a plaster one to take home with you during a 1-hour interactive program and easy tracking hike. Nature Center.

Sunday, March 16

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Monday March 17

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Turkey Run Rocks** – Explore the cliffs and rocky areas with a naturalist and hear some amazing stories that are frozen in stone. The hike ends with a fossil hunt! 1-hour moderate hike. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing.

Interpretive programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, March 18

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Soda Straw Weaving – Create something cool from straws and yarn to take home. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing.

Wednesday, March 19

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center

10:30-11am Writing With Symbols – Discover the meaning behind caveman paintings, and then pick a petroglyph to paint. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. Doors close at 2pm. Nature Center.

Thursday, March 20

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Fur Per Habitat – See how different homes dictate different furs on wildlife. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing.

7pm Volunteers In Parks – Come to the Dogwood Room (downstairs at the Inn) to experience the monthly meeting of The Friends of Turkey Run & Shades State Parks. Each meeting starts with a cool program. Stick around to see what our hard working volunteers are up to these days. If you'd like to volunteer at the parks this is a good way to get started, & a great way to make some new like-minded friends!

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Help us put out food for the birds and squirrels, and then relax in the observation room to watch them eat and interact. Nature Center.

11am Calling All Gardeners – Gardeners won't want to miss this program! Created by a dedicated heritage seed company, this slide show beautifully depicts how gardening with heirloom plants can promote genetic diversity and make your garden better in many ways! 45 min. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - Discover tonight's constellations & planets, hear ancient legends & more during a 40-minute program. Doors close & lock at 2. *Reservations recommended on Saturdays.* Nature Center.

***3pm Trail 2 Trek** – Join a naturalist for a very rugged 1.5-hour hike along one of Turkey Run's most beautiful trails. Enjoy spring wildflowers, walk behind a waterfall and much more. The hike begins on the Nature Center porch.

Sunday, March 23 **Happy Easter!**

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am-noon Kite Tails** – Make a kite from scratch, and then try flying it in a park known for its strong thermal updrafts. \$3/kite. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing..

Monday March 24

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Tuesday, March 25

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center

10:30am Make Your Mark- Weave a bookmark using ancient ways with a modern twist. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing.

Wednesday, March 26

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Snake's Skin – Have you ever felt a snake's skin? Don't miss this chance to see and touch a live snake at the Nature Center!

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing.

Thursday, March 27

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11:30am Meet Smokey Bear – Meet Smokey, make a Smokey hat and earn a prize during this FIREY program at the Nature Center! Bring your camera for pictures.

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2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

***3pm Early Spring Wildflowers** – This 1-hour easy hike starts at the Nature Center.

Sunday, March 30

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10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11:00am Lusk Home Tours – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for guided 1-hour tours of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing.

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